

Rep. Agema offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 277.

A resolution to declare May 31, 2012, as Community Action Agency Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Community action agencies were created when the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 was signed into law as part of President Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty; and

Whereas, The month of May has been designated by the United States Congress as National Community Action Month; and

Whereas, Michigan's 29 Community Action Agencies are the only community-based organizations providing full wrap around, locally directed services in all 83 counties in the state; and

Whereas, Community action agencies in Michigan provide services or links to services to more than 600,000 Michigan residents every year; and

Whereas, Michigan's community action agencies assist nearly 300,000 families statewide by providing a variety of services such as early childhood development, senior services, affordable housing, food assistance, and energy assistance programs among others; and

Whereas, Community action agencies, in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Human Services, have successfully administered more than \$200 million in federal ARRA Weatherization Assistance Program funds which supported energy efficiency improvements in 30,000 Michigan homes since 2009; and

Whereas, Community action agencies in Michigan serve as catalysts for innovative partnerships with such examples as the Jackson Health Clinic, which has reduced infant mortality rates countywide, and the installation of alternative energy equipment energy efficiency upgrades in Muskegon County homeless shelters, and many more; and

Whereas, Michigan's community action agencies have leveraged their federal allocation of the Community Services Block Grant and other federal, state, local, and private sources of funding to create more than \$460,300,000.00 in economic activity statewide; and

Whereas, Citizens with limited income continue to need opportunities to improve their lives and their living conditions, thus ensuring that all citizens are able to live in dignity; and

Whereas, Michigan and the entire United States must continue to promote economic security by providing support and opportunities for all citizens in need of assistance; now therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare May 31, 2012, as Community Action Agency Day in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Community Action Agency Association.